

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-21 are now pending in this application. In the September 27, 2004 Office Action, claims 1-4 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,529,187 to Dickelman (hereinafter "*Dickelman*"). Claims 5-10 and 16-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being obvious over *Dickelman* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,392,640 to Will (hereinafter "*Will*"). For the reasons set forth below, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and immediate allowance of this application.

Telephone Interview Summary

On November 30, 2004, Mike Baldauff and Leonard Hope interviewed Examiner Kevin Parton by telephone. Mr. Baldauff proposed amending independent claim 15 as listed above. Examiner Parton agreed that the proposed amendment renders independent claim 15 patentable over *Dickelman*. Examiner Parton indicated that additional searching may be necessary.

Independent Claim 1

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Dickelman*. The applicant submits that *Dickelman* fails to teach, suggest, or describe each recitation of independent claim 1. In particular, *Dickelman* does not teach "determining whether the at least one character of text is a single word" and "if so, then displaying a list in the web browser with a list item wherein the list item comprises the at least one character of text with an automatic prefix added before the at least one character of text and an automatic suffix added after the at least one character of text" as recited by claim 1. Page 9, lines 23-24 states, "[A] single word is considered the text until a period is entered." For example, the character "f" is a "single word" if entered without a period. However, "f.com" is not a single word since a period is included. Claim 1 recites an aspect of the present invention that adds a prefix and suffix to received characters and displays them as a list item only after a determination is made that the received characters are a "single word." So, a user input of "f" would result in "www.f.com" being displayed in a list. However, a user input of "f.com" might not.

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In contrast, *Dickelman* teaches adding a prefix and suffix to any sequence of letters input by a user. *Dickelman* does not teach any analysis of the characters prior to adding the prefix and suffix. Using the same example used above, “www.f.com.com” would be the result of a user inputting “f.com” into a device taught by *Dickelman*. For at least these reasons, the applicant submits that independent claim 1 is allowable over *Dickelman*.

Independent Claim 15

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being obvious over *Dickelman* in view of *Will*. The applicant has amended independent claim 15 to clarify certain aspects of the present invention. As discussed and agreed upon during the telephone interview of November 30, 2004, *Dickelman* does not teach the recitations of independent claim 15 as amended. For at least this reason, the applicant submits that independent claim 15 is allowable over *Dickelman* in view of *Will*.

Dependent Claims 2-14 and 16-21

Because the prior art of record fails to teach, suggest, or describe the recitations of claims 2-14 and 16-21, and because claims 2-14 and 16-21 depend from allowable independent claims 1 and 15, dependent claims 2-14 and 16-21 are allowable over the prior art.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application and allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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